- Niche Operators to be supported from USOF and exemption from spectrum charges.
- No spectrum fees for usage of CorDECT and similar technologies in rural areas as well as for usage of 450 MHz.
- No prior SACFA clearance for deployment of towers upto 40 m. in rural areas.
- Funds collected as Universal Access levy should be made available to USOF.

(d) and (e) The recommendations received from TRAI are being examined by the Government. It is not feasible to give a firm time limit for their implementation.

Recommendations of Supreme Court on unsolicited phone calls

†1683. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has given any decision regarding unsolicited phone calls;

(b) if so, the main recommendation of the said decision;

(c) whether the Department of Communication are complying with the said recommendations; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the harassment of subscribers due to unsolicited phone calls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court, in the matter of Dr. Harsh Pathak *Versus* Union of India and others (Civil Writ Petition No. 35 of 2005) regarding unsolicited phone calls has issued notice to the respondents. No specific recommendation of Supreme Court in the said case has been received by the Department of Telecommunications so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.